



Flathead Conservation District
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CALL TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE

Chairman Ronald Buentemeier called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the conference room.

Board members present: Ronald Buentemeier, Chairman; Camisha Sawtelle, Secretary/Treasurer; Dean Sirucek, Supervisor; John Ellis, Supervisor; Mark Siderius, Supervisor; Verdell Jackson, Supervisor; being a quorum of the Board.

Absent Board Member/s: Pete Woll, Vice-Chairman. Absence is excused.

Also in attendance were: Valerie Kurth and Ginger Kauffman, FCD staff; Leo Rosenthal and Kenny Breidinger, MFWP; Sarah Bowman, Big Sky Watershed Corps & FCD; Carrie Eklund and John Gangemi, ERM West Inc.; Samantha Tappenbeck, Soil & Water Conservation Districts of Montana (SWCDM); Tom Esch; Catherine Winslow; Brig Klyce; Don Murray; Marcel Quinn.

MINUTES

Dean Sirucek made a motion “to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2016 business meeting as presented.” Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. DNRC July 2016 Notes:
 - Missouri River CD Council will hold a facilitator training for CD supervisors and administrators in October. Further information to follow.
 - Sweet Grass CD is hosting the 2016 Montana Range tour, September 7-8.
 - Cascade CD is hosting the 2016 Montana Youth Range Camp, July 31-August 4 in the Highwood Mountains, near Belt, MT.
 - FY 2017 DNRC grant application deadline for 223-grants is July 29, 2016
 2. June 2016 MACD Executive Director Update
 3. Whitefish Planning Board meeting, Thursday, July 21, 2016, 6:00 P.M., Whitefish City Council Chambers, 1005 Baker Avenue.
 4. Job Announcement: SWCDM Range/Wildlife Conservationist. Applications due June 25th. Contact 406-443-5711
 5. Glacier CD is hosting an Annual Crop Tour, July 26, 5:00 P.M, Cut Bank. Contact 406-873-4292 Ext. 101
 6. Agronomy & Range Tour *Shifting to Soil Biology*, August 30-31, Fallon County Fairgrounds, Baker, MT. Contact 406-778-2283 Ext. 3.
 7. June 29th issue of *The Montana Conservationist*
 8. McCone CD July 2016 newsletter *Conservation News*
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9. List of Storm Water classes for summer 2016 and first quarter of 2017 at <http://www.altitudeta.com/TrainingBrochures.html>
10. Thank-you letter from college scholarship recipient Andi Utter.

FINANCIAL

The following bills were reviewed:

1. ABS \$183.75
2. Byte Savvy \$345.00
3. Flathead Beacon \$598.00
4. John Thomas \$748.16
5. Montana State Fund \$399.03
6. Mountain States Leasing – Kalispell \$1545.56
7. Olin Erickson \$2800.02
8. Whitefish Lake Institute \$8500.00

Camisha Sawtelle made a motion “to approve the bills as presented.” Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: No one was present to comment on items not on the agenda.

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BIG MTN – WFSH MTN RESORT, FL2016031, First Creek, w/d applic: Discussion held. John Ellis made a motion “to withdraw the application at the request of the applicant.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CLIFTON, FL2016017C, Bowser Spring Creek, complaint: Discussion held. Verdell Jackson made a motion “this is not a violation.” Mark Siderius seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

FUEL KALISPELL, FL2016030, Bowser Spring Creek, fill/structure: Discussion held. Verdell Jackson made a motion “to approve the project as submitted.” Camisha Sawtelle seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

GARWIN, FL2016034, Stillwater River, dock/ramp/bank stabilization: Discussion held. Verdell Jackson made a motion “to approve the application as submitted.” Camisha Sawtelle seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

HEBARD, FL2016027C, Bootjack Creek, complaint: Discussion held. Verdell Jackson made a motion “this is not a violation.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

HERRIE, FL2016029, Good Creek, bridge/bank stabilization: Discussion held. Verdell Jackson made a motion “to approve the application with modifications per Verdell Jackson’s and Kenny Breidinger’s team member reports.” Mark Siderius seconded. Motion carried unanimously.



PACIFICORP, FL2016036, Swan River, fill/improve existing boat ramp: An on-site inspection was set for Monday, July 25, 8:30 A.M. at the site.

SLACK, FL2016035C, Flathead River, complaint: Discussion held. Ronald Buentemeier made a motion “to send the landowner the standard complaint letter.” Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

SMITH, FL2016023C, East Spring Creek, complaint: Discussion held. Ronald Buentemeier made a motion “to send the complaint to the county attorney and request advice on how to handle this.” Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

STALOWY, FL2016007C, FL2016008C, FL2016008C, Bear Creek, complaint: Catherine Winslow, adjacent landowner to the south, read a statement summarizing her observations of recent changes in the wetland on Stalow’s property, and invited the technical review consultant to view the project from her property (unfettered access).

Brig Klyce informed the board he has the next property upstream on Bear Creek from Stalow’s, and summarized his observations of changes in the wetland. He also invited the technical review consultant to view the site from his property (unfettered access).

The board asked both landowners to submit their statements to the district for the record.

Ronald Buentemeier stated the district does not have jurisdiction over wetlands. He reported a firm has been hired to do the technical review; however, Stalow’s permission is needed for the consultant to go on the site.

Marcel Quinn, attorney for Stalow, stated they are working out landowner permission.

Discussion held. John Ellis made a motion “to table FL2016007C, FL2016008C and FL2016008C.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

TIKKA, FL2016032, Ashley Creek, dock/deck/debris removal: Discussion held. Dean Sirucek made a motion “to approve the application as submitted.” Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

TIKKA, FL2016033, Ashley Creek, culvert/gravel placement: Discussion held. Dean Sirucek made a motion “the culvert is not a project under our jurisdiction.” Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion held. Dean Sirucek made a motion “to approve the gravel placement with modifications per Dean Sirucek’s and Kenny Breidinger’s team member reports.” Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.



NEW BUSINESS

WATERSHED RESTORATION PLAN (WRP) PASS-THROUGH EXPENSES: Valerie Kurth informed the board that Sarah Bowman has drafted an informational brochure on WRP. Flathead Beacon would create & print the brochure, then SWCDM would reimburse the district the cost.

Discussion held. Mark Siderius made a motion “to approve having the Flathead Beacon create and print the WRP informational brochure.” Camisha Sawtelle seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MATTERS OF THE BOARD/STAFF

- **FY 2016/2017 BUDGET MEETING** - Monday, July 18, 9:00 A.M.
- **WRP**
- **FLOODPLAIN MEETING**

The FY 2016/2017 Budget meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 18, 2016, 9:00 A.M. in the conference room of the USDA building at 133 Interstate Lane, Kalispell.

The next business-meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 25, 2016, 7:00 P.M. in the conference room of the USDA building at 133 Interstate Lane, Kalispell.

ADJOURNMENT: Dean Sirucek made a motion “to adjourn.” Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously. As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Submitted By: _____
Ginger Kauffman, Administrator

Minutes approved by FCD Board motion made on:

(Date) (Signature) (Title - Chairman, Vice-Chairman, etc.)

